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Commissioner for Patents
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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/614,221
Filed: July 11, 2000
Title: ***Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules
Associated with Sterol Synthesis and Metabolism***
Applicants: Balasulojini KARUNANANDAA *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16516.075

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
2. an Amendment and Reply to Office Action Mailed October 3, 2002;
3. a **copy** of a U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application Transmittal Letter previously submitted on July 11, 2000, and a **copy** of a postcard receipt, date-stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 11, 2000, acknowledging receipt of such transmittal letter;
4. a **copy** of a Transmittal Letter, Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), PTO-1449 (2 pages), (9) accompanying references and Preliminary Amendment previously submitted on September 17, 2001, and a **copy** of a postcard receipt, date-stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 17, 2001, acknowledging receipt of such documents;
5. an Information Disclosure Statement (1 page), PTO-1449 (1 page) and (2) accompanying references; and
6. a return postcard.

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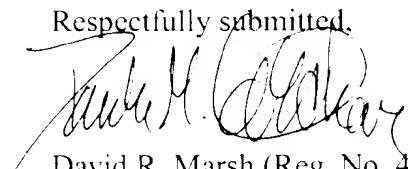
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Applicants request that the following fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 16516.075:

\$ 110.00 one-month extension of time fee
\$ 180.00 Information Disclosure Statement

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16516.075. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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